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Clothing, Furnishing Goods, Hardware, Groceries, Jewelry, Photographs, Curios, Kodaks, Newspapers, Books, Periodicals, Pipes, Tobaccos, Cigars, Furniture, Carpets, Upholstery, Logging and Mining Equipments, Everything Needed on the Frontier, Everything Suitable for the City. Information in regard to Big Game Hunting Grounds and Scenic Attractions of the Stikine, a Specialty. Transportation Arranged.

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TO IMPROVE GRAVE YARD

Proceeds From Entertainment to be Used for Above Purpose.
All Should Attend

Tomorrow night, at Red Men's Hall, there is to be an entertainment and ball, the proceeds from which are to be used for the improvement of the cemetery. The Red Men of Stikine tribe No. 5 are putting their cemetery in somewhat respectable shape, and have recently had Geo. Card's steam logger pulling out the stumps and wind-fallen trees, until now quite a patch is clear. But it is the purpose of the lodge to clean up the entire plot, and to that end the proceeds of tomorrow night's event are to be used. This is a laudable purpose and should be given the enthusiastic and willing support of all. The program for the entertainment is as follows:

Vocal Solo **MR. GEORGE SNYDER** Selected
Selection **WRANGELL ORCHESTRA**
MR. BAKER, MR. MILLIGAN, MRS. MILLIGAN
Vocal Solo **MRS. JOSE BARONOVICH** Selected
Selection **MISS VOLIN**
Vocal Solo **MR. JOSE BARONOVICH** Selected
Mandolin Solo **MR. J. D. SHERLOCK** Selected
Selection **WRANGELL QUARTET**
MESSRS. SNYDER, CAMPBELL, SHERLOCK, COULTER
Vocal Solo **MR. THOS. DALGITY** Comic
Recitation **MISS LYNN WORDEN** Selected
Vocal Solo **MR. SHERLOCK** Selected
Selection **MISS BLANCHE VOLIN**
Song, "Johnny Schmoker" (by request) **MR. A. V. R. SNYDER**
Recitation **MISS ALICE KINCAID** Selected
Vocal Duet **MISS LENA AND EDNA LINDMAN** Selected

After the program there will be dancing for all who desire to participate. An admission fee of one dollar for gentlemen and 25 cents for children will be taken at the door. Ladies will be admitted free, and it is requested that each lady take lunch. The doors will be open at 8 o'clock, and the entertainment begins at 9:30 sharp; so go early and get a good seat.

Take your prescriptions to the Baker Drug Co.

Another school entertainment is to be given on February 8. The program will consist chiefly of drills, recitations and school songs. More definite information will be given next week.

Delegate Cale recommends several men for postmaster at various points, and Governor Hoggatt butts in, as usual, with his knock in favor of other men for the positions. What he wants is men who will stand in with "the system."

Congressman Shackelford last week made an attack on Speaker Cannon, and accused him of aiding legislation in favor of the trusts and against the best interests of the country. He said that the speaker was a disgrace to the nation, and challenged him to refute it. What we need is more Shackelfords.

If the weather remains cold the rest of the week, there will be a fishing and skating excursion to Pat's Lake, Sunday next, in Walter Waters' big gas boat, the "City of Sea Girt," leaving the floating dock at 7 o'clock and returning in the evening. Plenty of room for all. Fare, nominal. Bring lunch.

This writer is in receipt of letters from various points in the states for information in regard to game hunting and mining possibilities in this section. There is no section which holds such a variety of attractions as this immediate locality, and what the town really ought to have is a neat prospectus to send to inquiring parties.

Bill Nye had truth well told when he said: "A man may use a wart on the back of his neck for a collar button, ride on the back of a coach or a railroad train to save interest on his money till the conductor gets around, stop his watch at night to save wear and tear, leave his 'it' or 'it' without a dot or cross to save ink, pasture his cow on his mother's grave to save corn; but a man of this sort is a gentleman and a scholar when compared to the fellow who takes a paper two or three years and when asked to pay for it, puts it into the office and has it marked 'Refused.'"

TRADERS AND TRAPPERS

Louis Levy, representing Joseph Ullman, New York, pays highest prices for furs. 1121tf

Mining Location Notices kept in stock for sale at SENTINEL office.

Let go, for a'd!

A part of Billy Richardson's logging crew came in from the Narrows for a day or two during the week.

Mr. Vichy, who has been visiting in Wrangell with his sister, Mrs. Uhler, left on the Jefferson for his home at Hebo, Oregon.

C. E. Davidson, the surveyor, went south on the Jefferson. He is leaving Alaska for an indefinite period, intending to bring up in Panama.

W. C. Contant, a brother of the quill, was a passenger on the last Jefferson for Ketchikan, where he went from Juneau to look after some property interests.

Abe Wodage has brought up in the canal zone of Panama, and writes to have the SENTINEL sent to Paraiso. He sends his kindest regards to all his old Wrangell "trilliums."

The Cordova Alaskan says that Prof. Hepburn, who conducted dancing and dramatic schools in this section last winter, is playing the piano in a Cordova saloon—the Southern.

The Ladies' Shakespeare Club have finished reading King Lear and King John, and will next take up The Tempest. Three new members have recently been added to the class, and some very entertaining as well as profitable meetings are held.

A company has recently been incorporated under the laws of the state of Maine for the purpose of developing some extensive tin deposits on Prince of Wales Island, according to recent press reports. We have never heard of any big tin deposits in this country, but would not be surprised at such a fact.

Capt. N. J. Svindeth and C. Edward Weber returned Thursday from their fishing trip to Pat's Lake. They were gone three days and caught one trout each day. Their excuse was that the ice was too thin to bear their weight, and in breaking it with clubs from shore they frightened the fish away.

The crew of the Clatswa has been taking large quantities of smelt from the waters of the bay during the past week or two. They left out Tuesday for Deer Island to fish king salmon.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Interpreted Service, 10:30 A. M., Sunday.
Sunday School, 2:00 P. M., Sunday.
Christian Endeavor, 8:00 P. M., Sunday.
English Service, 7:30 P. M., Sunday.
Midweek Interpreted Service, 7:30 P. M., Wednesday.
Midweek English Service, 7:30 P. M., Friday.
Library Association meeting in library rooms the first Tuesday in each month at 7:30 P. M.
J. S. CLARK, Pastor.

ST. PHILIP'S—EPISCOPAL
Holy Communion, first Sunday in each month, at 10:30 A. M.
Morning Prayer (Other Sundays) interpreted for Natives, 10:30 A. M.
Bible School, 2:00 P. M.
Vespers—Native service, 8:30 P. M.
Services in Norwegian about every fourth Sunday at 4:30 P. M.
Evening Prayer and service, 7:30 P. M.
Ladies Aid every second Tuesday evening.
Native prayer meeting on Wednesday evening.
Service of Song, Friday evening, 7:30.
Native Choir, Saturday evening.
Free Night School every evening, except Sat.
HARRY P. COCKER, Rector.

SALVATION ARMY
Regular Meetings: Tuesday and Friday, 7:30 P. M.
Free Drill, Sunday morning, 10:30.
Service at Jail, Sunday, 10:30 A. M.
Sunday School, 2:00 P. M.
Regular service Sunday evening, 7:30.
EMMA MILLER, Corps Commander.
THOS. TAMARKE, Sergeant-Major.
ROBT. SMITH, Adjutant.

TEARFULLY OLD ALES OF HAPPENINGS HERE AND HEREABOUT

ELECTRIC WIRING FREE

To all persons who agree to take electric lights for a year or more, we will do the wiring and furnish the first lamps free of charge. PALMER BROS.

Take a look at that delinquent tax list. It's almost gone.

The postoffice at Coppermount has been discontinued.

Sergt. McNurney accompanied the Clatswa to Deer Island for a few days' deer hunt.

The family of Surveyor Whitfield left on the Jefferson for their home at Ketchikan.

The smiling countenance of Charley Hooker was visible on Wrangell streets during the last week.

Samples of Goods for Ladies or Gents' spring and summer wear already received at W. C. Waters'.

We have just printed a lot of blanks for recording proof of labor on mining claims, and they are to be found either at this office or the court house. They will be mailed to any address in Alaska at 10 cents each. We have location notices at the same price.

THE OLD RELIABLE CITY STORE

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BEST GOODS AT LOWEST PRICES

You will Save 10 Per Cent

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Carry a Complete Stock in All Lines of Merchandise, including

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Tin Shop in Connection, in Which we are Prepared to do Any Kind of Work in that line

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Union Gas Engines

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SPECIAL ATTENTION GIVEN TO MAIL ORCERS

DELINQUENT TAX SALE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of Section 20 of Ordinance No. 12 of the Town of Wrangell, Alaska, duly passed and approved on the 4th day of August, 1904, providing for the sale of property to satisfy assessments against the same in said town, where the taxes have become delinquent, I will, at the hour of 1 o'clock P. M., on

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1908,

in front of the Red Men's Hall building in said town, offer for sale and sell at public auction, to the highest and best bidder (or bidders) for cash in hand on day of sale, the following described lots, parts of lots, buildings and other property described in this notice to satisfy the unpaid taxes on same for the year 1907:

Mrs. Chas. Olsen, one house and lot near government reserve.... 10 00
Red Men's Hall..... 15 00
Dated at Wrangell, Alaska, this 9th day of January, 1908.

L. C. PATENAUDE,
Treasurer and ex-officio tax collector of the Town of Wrangell, Alaska. 1927

A few cranks down at Rio de Janeiro thought they would dynamite some of our battleships, but they got their dates mixed and now languish in durance vile. Dynamiting is about the only method by which the Yankee ships can be rendered hors de combat, and such a method is only employed by cowards or "juggles" trying to stir up some kind of international complications.

Marshal W. D. Grant of Wrangell went home on the Jefferson last Wednesday, and visited Douglas friends while the boat lay at the wharf here. The marshal contends that Wrangell is one of the best towns in the district, that it keeps growing and getting better all the time. If all federal officers sent to Alaska would take the same interest in the country that Marshal Grant does there would be less complaint among the people.—D. I. News. And you can depend upon the truth of anything the marshal tells you—unless it be on the subject of trout fishing.

Attorney Geo. Irving was a passenger south on the Jefferson.

Picture frames and framed pictures at half price at W. C. Waters'.

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To Make Your Puddings Taste "GOOD"

Use Baker's Flavoring Extracts

Extract Vanilla, Extract Lemon, Extract Orange, Essence Wintergreen, Essence Peppermint, Essence Cinnamon, Essence Jamaica Ginger

THE BAKER DRUG CO.

Here are a few facts that newspaper subscribers should remember: A man who runs a paper absolutely must pay for the paper and ink with which his paper is printed; he must print with machinery which he has to pay for; he must pay freight on his machinery and supplies; he must pay Uncle Sam for carrying the paper in the mail; he must pay for help, rent, oil, fuel, and other things, which, in Alaska, aggregate an amount almost equaling the subscription price of the paper, leaving the publisher a very narrow margin for his own tedious labor. When your subscription is allowed to become delinquent it is because the publisher has confidence in you; otherwise he would not loan you, each week, the amount that it costs to place the paper in your hands. Every delinquent subscriber virtually owes the publisher just so much borrowed money, and it doesn't require an accomplished mathematician to figure out that the publisher will "hit the ceiling" with a thud if all subscriptions are not paid up. A delinquent newspaper subscription is a debt of honor, and a person with honor will pay it without a grumble.

FINAL SETTLEMENT NOTICE

In the matter of the Estate of Isaac Green, deceased.
ALL PERSONS interested in the above named estate are notified that the 20th day of March, 1908, at 10 o'clock A. M., has been fixed by the Court as the day and hour for final hearing and settlement of all accounts pertaining to said estate, and to them and there appear and show cause, if any, why the said accounts and settlement should not be finally approved and the administrator discharged.
Made and entered this 15th day of January, A. D. 1908.
A. V. R. SNYDER,
U. S. Commissioner and ex-officio Probate Judge. 123 236

NOTICE is hereby given that I have purchased book accounts due and owing to E. W. Carlson, my predecessor in the mercantile business in Wrangell, as per bill of sale filed at Commissioner's office 3rd inst. All parties concerned are requested to govern themselves accordingly and to make action with me.
F. MATHESON.

FIREMEN'S DANCE

February 21

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Thank You!
Please Call Again

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Quality Right. Prices Right

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Alaska Sentinel.

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WRANGLER.....ALASKA.

Now that the pure food law is in effect, we can begin to live longer.

Mrs. Russell Sage is said to be tired of receiving suggestions as to what she should do with her money. How ungrateful!

The seismograph may know all about an earthquake, but we must depend on the telegraph for a list of the killed and injured.

A girl has publicly announced that she has no intention of marrying. Reason for making the announcement: She is worth \$100,000.

After a while the weather bureau may find some way of employing a force of aeronauts to push the clouds away when we get tired of them.

According to an Australian physician, sour milk is the elixir of life. Perhaps he has a grudge against some ice company and is trying to get even.

China is to be a constitutional monarchy from now on, but it is likely that it will be quite a long time before many of the Chinese people find it out.

And now a woman is called insane because she held three bright dollars in her hand and spoke to them. If money talks, why may not a woman converse with it?

Gertrude Atherton calmly announces that any woman can marry any man she wants. Massachusetts has a lot of school teachers, who would like to get Gertrude's formula.

In reading over women's applications for divorce we occasionally run across a unique charge, which goes to show that some husbands are quite original in their meanness.

A Michigan man wrote a message on a toastful stating he was about to commit suicide. But as he did not eat the toastful his friends think he has eaten his words. Queer world.

A New York doctor says the great majority of alleged cases of hydrophobia are merely cases of bad scares. And the dogs who are involved were no doubt as badly scared as their victims.

A Pennsylvania man who tried to shoot out one of his teeth to save a dentist bill, succeeded in his purpose, but made it necessary for his family to pay the undertaker. Some people have no luck at all as economists.

A Pennsylvania murderer has been sentenced to prison for 155 years. If there had been a woman on the jury she would no doubt have made a plea for clemency by asking to have the term marked down to 149 years.

An American theatrical manager proposes to put a stage in the largest steamships, and relieve the tedium of the voyage by plays every night. To many travelers the pleasure of an ocean voyage consists largely in leaving behind as far as possible the labors and entertainments peculiar to the land.

It is reported that the chief cook of the Crown Princess of Germany has been in this country studying American cooking, that the princess likes American victuals, and that her chef has been paying especial attention to pies, cakes and flapjacks. The poor man may master the mysteries of mince-meat, but he will never learn the difference between a fried cake, a doughnut and a cruller.

The late Mr. Barnum had an elephant piling on a Connecticut field, in view of passing railroad trains. To a farmer who asked if the elephant was a profitable beast of labor for this country, the showman replied that it was not unless one had a circus to advertise. Contractors in a New York town, engaged in extensive building, have imported two work elephants to pull dirt cars. It may be, however, that the contractors have caught Barnum's spirit, and have sent the story to the newspapers for purposes of advertisement.

What is probably the finest building in the world for the use of a collector of customs was turned over to the national government recently. The new custom house in New York, begun in 1900, has been completed at a cost of seven million two hundred thousand dollars. It covers the entire block between Whitehall street and State street, running from Bowling Green to Bridge street. Its street faces are adorned with splendid pieces of sculpture typifying commerce, and its main court, or rotunda, is one of the largest spanned by a single roof. The interior fittings are ornate and dignified, as is befitting in a public building belonging to a rich and populous country. About two-thirds of the customs revenue of the country is paid over the desks of the collector of New York. The remaining one-third is collected in the more than one hundred and forty other collection districts. An elaborately equipped suite of offices has been provided in the building for the use of the Secretary of the Treasury on his official visits to New York. Other suites are set apart for the Weather Bureau, the Naval Bureau, the Civil Service

Board, the Isthmian Canal Commission, the Secret Service Department and some other branches of the national government that have to use offices in New York. But they all together occupy much less space than that devoted to the use of the various branches of the tariff collection service.

The Detroit River and the Sault canals are the two chief points for the enumeration of the vessels and cargoes which carry and make up the enormous traffic of the American lakes, the largest water-borne traffic in an equal area in the world. Statistics taken at these two points, pending the tabulation and summing up of the figures by ports, give a fairly accurate view of the magnitude of that traffic. A preliminary bulletin on that basis issued by the Department of Commerce and Labor shows that in total bulk and in all important divisions save one the lake traffic of the season of 1907 breaks all records. The exception is, of course, the lumber traffic, which is dwindling because of the reckless way in which the great pine forests of the old Northwest have been exploited for the last quarter century. No less than 28,883,106 tons of iron ore were taken from the Lake Superior mines this year to feed the furnaces of Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois. This was nearly 3,600,000 tons more than in 1906 and 5,000,000 tons more than in 1905. Most of the wheat also passes the Sault, although some goes eastward from Lake Michigan ports and a smaller amount from Lake Erie. The department's bulletin shows that 56,153,551 bushels passed the Sault and only 32,101,873 bushels passed Detroit, giving increases at the two checking points, respectively, of 48 and 47 per cent over 1906. These figures, unless there is an error in the department's printed bulletin, raise an interesting question. It is: What became of that 24,000,000 bushels of wheat? The obvious answer is that most of it went to Europe over the Canadian railways. However, that amount of wheat would require for its handling about 35,000 cars, a capacity not credited to the Canadian railways reaching the lake from Sarnia northward to the Sault, and which is denied to them by all railway men. The department must be left to explain its figures, which, if correct, show a most astonishing and unsuspected growth of Canadian railway capacity. The corn figures are clear enough. Chicago is the great shipper of corn, and 35,770,712 bushels of it passed Detroit, over a million bushels more than in 1906. The soft coal movement over the lakes is westward from Lake Erie ports north and west. Nearly 11,000,000 tons passed Detroit, as against 8,484,881 tons in 1906. The total freight traffic of the great lakes passing Detroit for the seven months ending with September was 49,526,478 tons, as against 44,125,782 tons for the same months in 1906.

Mexico's Potato King.

Out on the Chihuahua and Pacific railroad is the greatest potato-growing region yet developed in Mexico, says the Mexican Herald. A large market is rapidly being opened up, the potatoes, which are fine in quality and of large size, resembling the famous Greeley product, having a reputation throughout northern Mexico. Already during the present season one Mexican farmer alone has shipped two carloads to Monterey.

The leading potato farmer of the State, in fact, of the republic, is Oje Coayem, a Chinaman of modern progressive ideas, from whose farm, 7,500 feet above sea level, at Pedernales, right on the continental divide, some seventy carloads of potatoes will be shipped this season. Joe came from China some years ago bent upon making his way up in the world. He has mastered both English and Spanish thoroughly and subscribes for and reads the papers in both languages. Five years ago he bought two acres at Pedernales "for a song" and on time. He paid for them out of his first year's crop and his holdings now comprise several thousand acres.

Sermon in a Penitentiary.

The strangest sensation I ever felt, says a Philadelphia clergyman, was when I preached to the prisoners one Sunday at the Eastern penitentiary. I stood on the hard stone floor in the middle of a long double tier of cells. Around me there were hundreds of listeners, yet I could see but two or three, whose white faces were pressed against the bars. The remainder did not even look at me, preferring to sit quietly in their cells, out of sight, and listen. When I began to speak I raised my voice so that everybody could hear me, but was astonished to hear a muffled growl from a near-by cell, the possessor of the voice saying: "Don't talk so loud; you can hear a whisper in here when the doors are open." So I lowered my tones and went on speaking. Suddenly the absurdity of the gestures I was making struck me, as there were so few to see them, so I quit that. It was a most peculiar feeling, speaking to an audience that did not see me, that I actually got a species of stage fright and was forced to bring my sermon to an untimely close.

The Plagiarist.

"Father," said Rolio, "what is a plagiarist?" "A plagiarist, my son, is a kleptomaniac who lacks the courage to take anything which the police could be called on to protect."—Washington Star.

Men like to be coaxed, but there is not one woman in ten who knows where coaxing ends, and nagging begins.

THE GREAT CONTEST FOR THE ATLANTIC PASSENGER TRADE.



EMIGRANTS DEPARTING FROM LIVERPOOL.

The rate-cutting inaugurated on the western passage across the Atlantic affects only the first and to a lesser extent the second-class passenger. This picture deals with the third-class passenger, who is not affected, and whose fare varies from \$27.50 to \$33.75. It shows a typical motley assortment of emigrants from all parts of Northern Europe who make the passage through the great British port. They are about to board a White Star liner at the great landing stage at Liverpool.

THE PARADOX.

There grows a weed, so gossips tell,
To wound the hand that lightly plucks;
But bind it with a proper spell,
And poison from the vein it sucks.
'Twas Cupid's self that threw the dart,
Gave me the simple for my smart.

When storms are high, so seamen tell,
And billows crumple all the main,
But dive beneath the angry swell,
And thou wilt find it calm again.
Since, Love, thou art a troubled sea,
My only refuge is in thee.

A chapman, Holy Writ doth tell,
Found treasure in the earth concealed;
But all he had he needs must sell,
Ere he might have the precious field.
Since thou has cost me all I own
O Love, what riches have I known!
—Century.

What Sam Did

The men in the store watched the young farmer assist his wife into the respectable-looking buggy outside, arrange the packages, spread the laprobe generously and carefully over the young woman's knees and then, himself uncovered, drive away.

"Clayton's gals" to take good care of that there wife of his," commented the storekeeper.

"Foolish of him," declared Washington Hancock.

"He'll get tired o' washin' up that buggy o' his'n after a while 'n' conclude the ole waggin's good enough to come to town to trade in," said Sol Baker, sagely.

"Course he will," agreed Hancock. "He'll have her out to the wood pile splittin' stove wood, like as not. I've known that to happen, too."

Baker had the grace to look embarrassed when the storekeeper sneered. "There's wuss things than splittin' a leetle mite o' wood now an' then for a women," he said. "Anyway, Clay's wife'll take all the care he kin give her an' then need more. If he ain't washin' the dishes for her afore long I miss my guess. She don't like no kind o' work none too well. She didn't as a gal."

"Ain't a great hand to cook, they tell me," said the storekeeper. "Most any one o' the other gals could beat her out when it come to fixin' up a meal. Seems like Clay 'ud have took 'Lisbeth or Birdie if he was set an' bound to marry into the family. This un's mighty slack-mouthed, by all accounts. I could ha' told him suthin' on that score if he'd come to me an' ast me."

"Why didn't you tell him, anyway?" asked Marvin Parsons.

"It's a pity she's slack-mouthed," observed Hancock. "It's them kind o' wimmen that gits to talkin' about their neighbors after a while. An' it's a funny thing that it's allus the wimmen that does that. You might set in this store when Rufe an' Sol here was shootin' off their mouths year in an' year out an' you'd never hear them say a word agin' anybody—not if you was stone deaf. But when a man sees a feller in danger o' blightin' his life by takin' up with a gal that's ornery an' no-account he ain't doin' no more than what his duty to give him the right kind o' warnin'. If a feller's got good sense he'll ephesiate a word in season o' that sort an' won't git mad about it. Anybody's apt to be a mite careless an' unthinkin' in the matter o' choosin' a gal when he's young. I bet there ain't a married man here but what'll say that's so."

The storekeeper nodded involuntarily and Hancock grinned.

"S fur's takin' a word o' good advice kindly's concerned, I reckon there's the many a man would tell you that if somebody'd come to him in time an' let him know what he had a right to expect from the gal he was thinkin' o' marryin' he'd never have married the gal he did," resumed Hancock. "There's some what does git warned in time. I rickerked right well when a cousin o' mine, Sam Hancock, thought o' hitchin' up with a gal he'd met up with when he was a young buck. He

seen the gal an' tuck her buggy ridin' once or twice an' he figgered to himself that she was jest about the finest young woman that ever set a foot on this green alrth. He couldn't make out that she'd got a fault or a blemish. She'd allus acted that away whilst he was around, so how was he to know any diffrunt?

"There was one thing, though, an' that was that Sam had a mighty level hold on him for as young as he was. He'd slip up on a trade wunst in a while, but he never slipped up twicet the same way an' he'd made a-many trades by the time he was 20 years old. No, Sam wasn't nobuddy's fool."

"Well, there was a feller lived neighbor to the gal's folks, name o' Ben Crittenden, an' he knowed Sam an' he knowed the gal. He figgered that Sam was a likely boy an' that it wasn't right for him to stand back an' keep his mouth shut when he'd do good by openin' it. So he goes to Sam one day an' he takes him out behind the barn for a confidential talk."

"Sam," he says, "I allow you know that I'm a friend o' yours an' a str-rlife. I've got suthin' to say to you an' if I say it I don't want for you to git mad an' prance around on your ear."

"Certainly not," says Sam. "If you've got anythin' on your mind you say it."

"It's about Berthy," says Ben.

"I hain't goin' to git mad," says Sam. "What about Berthy?"

"It's this away," says Ben. "I wouldn't say nothin' at all if I thought



"YOU HAIN'T MAD ARE YOU?"

you'd had the chance to know for yourself jest what kind of a gal she was. But you hain't, an' I have. I hired out to her paw all through one harvest an' I know what I'm talkin' about. That gal's mighty shiftless, Sam—jest shiftless."

"Is that so?" says Sam.

"I wouldn't tell you if it wasn't so," says Ben. "An' I wouldn't say nothin' against her neither if you wasn't a friend o' mine. She'll shirk off an' leave her mammy to do the work if she kin, an' if she can't she'll jest about ha'f do it."

"That's too bad," says Sam, lookin' thoughtful.

"The meals she cooks 'ud sicken you," says Ben. "Harvest time a feller hain't partickler, but they sickened me. An' when she's around the house she ain't slicked up the way she is when she goes to a church soshubble, I tell you that."

"Sho?" says Sam.

"Yes, sirc, an' her temper hain't none o' the best. I seen her belt her young brother one day an' knock him endways. If you take my advice, Sam, you'll drop off."

"Sam studied a moment an' then he got up an' shucked his coat. Ben looked down his nose. 'You ain't mad, are you?' he says."

"No," says Sam, a-splittin' on his hands. "I hain't mad a mite, but I'm jest goin' to waller you around a spell to teach you to mind your own affairs an' to quit tattlin' on gals. An' with that he lit in an' done it."

"Did he marry the gal afterward?" inquired Baker.

"Cos he did," replied Hancock.

"Why wouldn't he?"

"You said he had a heap o' sense," urged the storekeeper.

"Not regardin' them matters," said Hancock. "No man has. But there wasn't no more wrong about that gal than there is about any gal, an' I reckon on they got erlong about as well as most, he an' Sam—mebbe better."—Chicago Daily News.

Sadness is often jollity gone to seed.

OLD COINS NEW TO HER.

Cashier Refused to Take 2-Cent Piece and Three "Eagle" Cents.

How little is known by the general public of the United States coins which are not now current was shown the other day in an uptown restaurant, says the New York Times, when a coin collector in a spirit of fun handed to the cashier in place of a nickel one old-fashioned bronze two-cent piece and three small copper-nickel "flying eagle" cents.

The cashier, a young woman of about 20, looked disdainfully at the unfamiliar coins, and then refused to accept them, saying she had never seen any such money as that before; that she didn't believe they were "good," and didn't propose to accept them.

The patron protested that the coins were genuine, and pointed to the inscription "United States of America," as a verification. But the young woman remained unconvinced, and summoned the manager. He, too, was dubious about the authenticity of the pieces, looked them over carefully, and said he had never seen anything like them before. He finally told the cashier to take them anyhow, and he would relieve her of all responsibility in case they turned out to be spurious.

The last two-cent piece was issued by the United States mint in 1873, while the flying eagle cents were struck only in 1856, 1857 and 1858. Nearly 25,000,000 eagle cents and more than 44,000,000 two-cent pieces were coined. To collectors it is odd that in a period of fifty years this vast number of coins should have disappeared to such an extent that the present generation never heard of them.

A Spurgeon Ruse.

Spurgeon, the famous English divine, once passed a stone mason who, after each stroke of his hammer, cursed and swore. Mr. Spurgeon laid his hand on his shoulder and, looking kindly at him, said: "You are an adept at swearing. Can you also pray?"

With another oath he replied, "Not very likely."

Holding up 5 shillings, Mr. Spurgeon said if he would promise never to pray he would give him that.

"That is easily earned," said the man, with a fresh oath, and put it in his pocket. When Spurgeon left the man began to feel a little queer. When he went home his wife asked him what ailed him, and he told her. "It is Judas's money," said the man, and on a sudden impulse he threw it into the fire. The wife found it and took it out and discovered who had given it to him. The man took it back to Spurgeon, who conversed long with him, warning him, and at length was the means of saving him. He became an attached member of his flock.

Retaliation.

A man who was a guest at one of the summer resorts in West Virginia tells of a wedding ceremony he witnessed in the town near by.

The minister was young and easily embarrassed. It was the first wedding he had ever undertaken. The prospective bride and groom were both younger and still more easily embarrassed than he.

When the minister had finished the service and muttered a few kindly but halting words to the young couple he had just united, the bride looked at him, blushing, but confident.

"Thank yer," she said clearly. "It's shore kind o' yer to congratulate us, an' as long as you haven't ever been married yit maybe we'll have a chance some day to retaliate."—Harper's Weekly.

Her Note Was Final.

The proprietor of a large drug store recently received this curt and haughty note, written in an angular feminine hand: "I do not want vasoline, but glycerine. Is that plain enough? I persoon you can spell."

There is nothing a woman enjoys getting so much as a letter from some married woman that is stained with tears.



Spraying Potatoes.

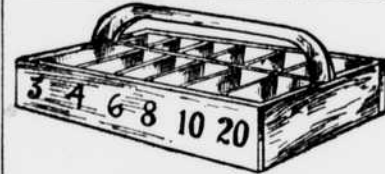
Careful potato growers can no longer doubt the advantages of spraying in "blight" years; but some doubt whether the practice is profitable year after year. Tests along this line have been continued for five years by the Experiment Station at Geneva; and the evidence presented in Bulletin No. 290, giving details of the fifth year's test and summaries of preceding ones, seems conclusive in favor of the practice. The gain each year has been profitable; and there is already much more than enough excess of gain over cost to pay for spraying five years more. Similar gains, though not quite so great, were obtained by farmers under tests carefully checked by the station and by much larger number of farmers who sprayed independently.

Red Texas Oats.

The strain of the Red Texas oats which has given the largest yield for two seasons and which stands third in order of yield for the four years' trial has been grown at the Kansas station for four years and has seemed to improve rather than to deteriorate in quality and yield. Oats are not considered well adapted for growing in this State. It is the general experience that oats soon "run out" in Kansas, and farmers consider it necessary to secure new seed every two or three years. The trials at the Kansas station, however, indicate that it is not only possible to maintain the quality and yield of oats, but also to even improve them by good culture and by sowing only the best grade.

A Nail Box.

By having a regular and orderly nail box always at hand in some convenient place it may come in handy in an



HANDY NAIL BOX.

emergency. The box with separate compartments for the different sized nails may be easily made by inserting partitions in the box, the size depending the number of apartments desired.

Twig Diseases.

It may not be generally known, but many twig diseases of trees are spread by the pruning tools. One very successful nurseryman dips his pruning knives and saws in a solution of carbolic acid before beginning to prune another tree, so if any germs are on the tool this treatment will destroy them. As soon as a wound is made it is a good idea to disinfect and paint it to keep out the moisture. There is danger of trees contracting disease, as the germs enter the wounds and diseased places result, or the exposed parts will begin to decay as soon as the moisture gets a hold.—Apple Specialist.

Saving the Clover.

It is a failing of the American farmer when a blade of grass or a stem of clover makes a strong showing to try to turn it into beef, mutton or pork. In this effort to utilize it he entirely forgets that the plant may need a little winter protection. He does not understand how little is often sufficient to save the plant from frost destruction. Where the clover is not pastured it is often allowed to perfect its seed, which is as fatal to the crop next year as the winter freezing. Clipping would save the crop where it is so forward as to bloom and perfect seed.—Rural New Yorker.

Beans Fed to Swine.

Beans can be used to swine only in the cooked form. The pig seems to be unable to utilize beans which are at all hard or firm, even though they have been boiled for some time; hence it is very essential that they be thoroughly and carefully cooked, says R. S. Shaw, Michigan. To supply a single feed of half-cooked beans to a pen of hogs robs them of their appetites and relishes for their food, if indeed it does not put them off their feed.

The Asparagus Bed.

Burn off the asparagus beds now and clean the ground thoroughly, applying manure plentifully. All bushes and weeds that have not been cleared from the ground will serve as harboring places for mice and insects. When the materials on the surface of the ground which have been destroyed by frost are dry, and the grass also dead, it is not difficult to burn an entire bed over and thus consume many seeds on the ground.

Ben Davis Good Enough.

A Maine farmer who has been making money during the past eleven years from growing Ben Davis apples, recently disposed of a shipment of this fruit at \$4.85 net profit per barrel. When all other apples are past their usefulness, old Ben Davis is good enough for the most of the people.

Guinea Fowls.

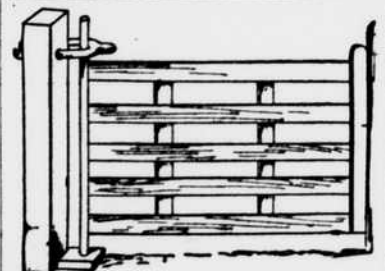
It is a hard matter to distinguish the sex of guinea fowls. Some authorities claim that the male chatters in a quick manner, while the female gives off a sound like "Otrack" or "Joe Pratt," or "Buckwheat." The male gives a sound similar to a screech turned into a laugh.

Wheat in the Cotton Belt.

The first week in November is early enough to sow wheat throughout the middle portion of the cotton belt. This crop often succeeds well sown as late as Dec. 1, provided the conditions shall be favorable for germination for two weeks after sowing (not too cold and wet). Land covered with a thick growth of grass or other vegetation is not considered the best condition for wheat, for the reason that wheat likes a compact, smooth surface soil. Turn your land well, then harrow, then roll with a heavy roller, then sow the seed. A one or one and a half ton roller run over a freshly plowed surface once or twice will compact the three or four inches of surface soil. The wheat seed should then be put in with a regular wheel drill, says a Southern authority. I would not apply less than 400 pounds of fertilizer per acre and would prefer 500 to 600 pounds unless the land be already rich. I recommend this formula: Two hundred pounds acid phosphate, 400 pounds of cottonseed meal and 50 pounds of muriate of potash per acre, supplemented with a top dressing of 50 to 75 pounds of nitrate of soda in March if the appearance of the plants seem to indicate the need of more nitrogen.—Exchange.

Durable Gate Hinge.

In the accompanying sketch A represents a block of hard wood in which a socket hole is made, says a writer to the Prairie Farmer. In this socket



GOOD HINGE FOR GATE.

rests the gate piece, which is of a suitable size to turn easily. Through the upper part of the post a two-inch hole is bored into which is driven one prong of a hedge fork. A small hole is bored through the end of the prong and a pin inserted to hold it in place.

Wintering Sheep.

It is not cold weather that hurts sheep so much as it is getting wet. Sheep to fatten well should be fed regularly twice a day, morning and evening. Sheep naturally drink a little and often, and should have water convenient to them all the time. Don't feed well and give good shelter, then allow your sheep to drink ice water to cool off.

Lamb Values Advancing.

During the past ten years there has been a building up period in the lamb trade. Lambs are now in demand in every consuming center and the trade appears to have no limit. The fact of the matter is that lambs are becoming scarcer each year. Any first-class lambs will be sure of strong prices for many years to come.

Only Healthy Animals Pay.

Pure water only should be allotted to the hogs. Do not think that the hog will eat anything and it will be best for him. Clean food and drink are better and more profitable for any animal. Healthy animals only are profitable in this age.—E. J. Waterstripe, in Swine.

Grain Will Increase Cream.

It is claimed that cows that are fed a little grain in connection with their pasture yield a larger proportion of cream in the milk and always make hard butter.

Scrofula

Few are entirely free from it. It may develop so slowly as to cause little if any disturbance during the whole period of childhood. It may then produce dyspepsia, catarrh, and marked tendency to consumption, before causing eruptions, sores or swellings. To get entirely rid of it take the great blood-purifier,

Hood's Sarsaparilla

In usual liquid form or in chocolate tablets known as Sarsatabs. 100 doses \$1.



Tomato Relish.

One peck of ripe tomatoes peeled cold, chop and let drain over night, six onions cut fine, three heads of celery, five red peppers, one small cup of salt, drain off and add two pounds of brown sugar, two ounces whole mustard seed, five cups of vinegar. Put in glass jars cold—do not cook.

FILES CURED IN 6 TO 14 DAYS. PAZO OINTMENT is guaranteed to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days or money refunded. 50c.

We are ashamed to confess it, but we have already forgotten the name of the actress in New York who took a pig, put automobile in preference to a millionaire.

The cow's udder is kept in a clean, healthy and smooth condition by washing it with borax and water; a tablespoonful of borax to two quarts of water. This prevents roughness and soreness or cracked teats which make milking time a dread to the cow and a worry to the milker.

During the recent panic a New York woman waited in the line of anxious depositors for fourteen hours, only to learn, upon reaching the teller's window, that her account was overdrawn \$23. For once in her life words must have failed her.

California has shipped more than 8,500 carloads of lemons east this year. Few of them have been purchased by housewives who desire to ignore the pleas of titled foreigners.



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Our Italy door with glass from top to bottom, only \$5.50. Sold by dealers generally at from \$10.00 to \$15.00 per door. The most amazing front door value ever offered by any dealer anywhere. The door is 13-4 inches thick, has egg and dart hard wood mold surrounding the sub-panel and is first class in every respect. Send for our price lists. We have our own mill and we are the largest dealers in the Northwest. We have only one price and we sell to anybody. Write today. Price lists mailed free, post paid without charge. Windows, doors, porch columns, a thousand bargains.

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only a Fence Between. A very dignified and self-respecting roker was touring through the country when a punctured tire compelled him to wait while his chauffeur repaired the tire. He strolled along the country road for a short distance and found a red-headed, jumper-attired farmer boy musing in a field by the side of the road and, thinking to jolly him a little, said:

"That is pretty yellow corn you are musing."

And the lad replied, "Yes, we planted yellow corn."

The broker, a trifle nettled, then said, "You won't have but a half crop, will you?"

And to which the boy said, "No, we slanted this piece on shares."

This tart reply provoked the self-important man and said testily, "Why, you're not far from a fool, are you?"

And to which the boy replied, "No, here is only a fence between us."—Judge's Library.

A poet was recently indicted in St. Louis. However, most poets will continue to escape punishment.

A French detective is being sent to this country to learn how to catch criminals. He may not be able to learn that here, but we are sure our detective will be able to give him some valuable lessons in the art of discovering clues.

Catarrh Cannot be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quick medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best medicines known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surface. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarrh. Send for testimonials free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, price 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

The Kaiser has twice been given the freedom of the London Guildhall. He ought to be able to run all over the place now.

ONLY ONE "BROMO QUININE." That is LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. Used the World over to Cure Colds in One Day. 25c.

Ten months' ocean fares amount to \$100,000,000. That is what comes from travel on the high seas.

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According to estimates made by Gen. Booth only one sin in eighty is found out. We can hardly believe that the promulgation of such statements is likely to discourage the sinner.

Mothers will find Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup the best remedy to use for their children during the teething period.

Preserves.

Make a syrup of five pounds sugar, and two cups water; boil until clear. Wash, stem and seed one gallon cherries, drop in the syrup and boil thirty minutes; skim well. Fill air-tight jars, seal and put in a cool place.

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appeal to the Well-Informed in every walk of life and are essential to permanent success and creditable standing. Accordingly, it is not claimed that Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna is the only remedy of known value, but one of many reasons why it is the best of personal and family laxatives is the fact that it cleanses, sweetens and relieves the internal organs on which it acts without any debilitating after effects and without having to increase the quantity from time to time.

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The best kind of a testimonial—
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Killed, 5,000; injured, 76,250. That is the record of the American railroads for the year ending June 30 last as compiled by the interstate commerce commission. The figures do not include the persons killed or injured at railroad crossings, nor those trespassing on equipment or right of way. It is the record of casualties solely for passengers and for trainmen actually on duty on or about trains. The increase in the number of killed over the preceding year was 775, or more than 18 per cent. The increase in the number of injured was 9,577, or over 14 per cent. It is a slow and painful process to secure the adoption of devices for the protection of the lives of passengers and trainmen, because the railroads resist progress in this direction at every point. It costs money to save lives, and they prefer to avoid the expense. The interstate commerce commission brings the case against the railroads home in a couple of sentences. It compares the small increase in casualties due to coupling and uncoupling cars and to accidents to men on the tops of freight cars with the heavy increase of accidents to passengers due to collisions and derailments. In the latter case the large total of 1905 was exceeded for the year under consideration by 17 per cent. The comparative protection to railroad men on the lines noted is, the commission says, "undoubtedly due in large measure to improvement in the maintenance and care of automatic couplers," an improvement due only to strenuous efforts on the part of the government. The moral is clear. If the government will take up a broader scale the problem of forcing the roads to protect their passengers from unnecessary accidents results may be secured, but probably in no other way.

Some things are done in a quaint way on these little vessels. An account book with a pencil attached hangs on the wall and everybody is expected to jot down the number of meals he eats and the extras he orders, foot up the total at the end of the voyage and settle the bill, according to his own calculations.

England's Rich Men. There are Twenty-One Persons with More than £50,000 a Year. Although Great Britain is doubtless behind America in the number of millionaires residing on her shores, there are twenty-one lucky individuals in England who manage to subsist on incomes of "upward of £50,000 a year." Such is the interesting information conveyed in the fiftieth report of the inland revenue commission, issued as a blue book, says the London Mail.

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ACROSS SWEDEN BY CANAL.

Waterway Ericsson Helped to Build Now a Route for Tourist Travel.

At least one canal in the world has become a favorite route of pleasure travel. This is the Gota canal, the building of which converted that part of Sweden south of Stockholm into an island, says the New York Sun.

The canal crosses the land from sea to sea, forming an uninterrupted line of communication 200 miles long between the Baltic and the Kattegat. The journey takes two days and a half.

Ships drawing ten feet of water may pass from sea to sea through this chain of lakes, cuttings, locks and regulated rivers constituting the Gota canal.

Ninety-nine years ago this gigantic piece of work was planned and twenty-four years elapsed before communication was finally established. The names of some of the greatest men in engineering science are associated with the canal.

A part of the River Gota, which carries the water route to the Kattegat, had long before been canalized and the famous Swedenborg, who was a strange dreamer and the founder of a religious sect, had a hand in the work. But when the time came to use the Gota river as a part of the new canal the antiquated locks were discarded and the brothers Nils and John Ericsson began their great career as engineers by canalizing the western part of the Gota river and replacing Swedenborg's work by a series of eleven monumental locks cut out of the solid rock.

It takes seventy-four locks to lift the vessels from one level to another and lower them again. Each steamer leaving Stockholm is gradually lifted 305 feet above the sea before it reaches the water parting at Lake Wiken in the center of the peninsula. Then it is carefully lowered again from one lock to another till it is once more at sea level in the city of Gothenburg.

At many points where several locks are passed in succession the passengers have time to walk along the banks of the canal for a closer view of one or another attraction such as the magnificent falls of Trollhattan, which are circumvented by the eleven locks that made the Ericssons famous.

The whole trip is charming, for there is great variety in the constantly changing scene. The contrasts are sometimes very abrupt, as, for example, when the vessel emerges from a thick forest of silver birches upon one of the big lakes, whose further shore can scarcely be seen.

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Science AND Invention

A method of shaft sinking has been tried in France in which cement slurry is forced through boreholes in soft-flashed strata in order to form a wall of concrete in which sinking can be performed.

In reference to the height of elephants, 10 feet in males and 8 feet 6 inches in females—vertical height at the shoulders, measured as a horse—are very rarely attained, and not exceeded by 1 animal in 500.

The use of egg shells as gas mantles is an idea from Germany. The contents are drawn off blown out, the ends are neatly cut off, and the body of the shell is fixed in position like the regular article. The light thus obtained is very good, while the new form of mantle is much more durable than the old.

The production of metallic cadmium, which has hitherto been confined to Belgium and Silesia, has been undertaken by a chemical company of Cleveland, Ohio. The ore of the Joplin district is stated to be richer in cadmium than the ore of Silesia, but under the conditions of zinc smelting in the United States it has not been considered worth while to attempt to save cadmium as a by-product.

It results from the careful measurements of level recently made by Lieutenant Colonel Parilly along the line of the Transcaspien railway that the level of the Caspian Sea is 83 feet below the level of the oceans. If the Caspian Sink were filled with water up to ocean level, the town of Krasnovodsk, which stands on its shore, would be submerged, for the mean elevation of that town is between 63 and 64 feet below the ocean level.

It is not only insects that serve for the pollination of flowers, but several species of birds perform a similar office for certain flowers. Among these are humming birds and sun birds. With their long tongues these birds procure nectar, and with it pollen, from flowers which are practically inaccessible to distasteful insects. The pollen is distributed to other flowers during the successive visits of the birds. There are some tropical plants which flourish only if these birds abound.

City people who are occasionally startled by seeing a manhole cover blown from the pavement generally ascribe the blame to leaking gas mains. But there are probably many other sources from which dangerous gases find their way into sewers, and one of these is indicated by an investigation recently reported to the American Chemical Society by Prof. A. A. Brene-man. He showed that the entrance of a mixture of gasoline and soap into drains and sewers from garages, factories and other places where such materials are employed for washing, is sufficient to account for the liberation of much combustible vapor, which may play a part in sewer explosions.

CAR FOR ROYAL CHILDREN.

The Princess of Wales Has Designed a Picnic Automobile.

The Princess of Wales has her own ideas about how an automobile should be built. A car embodying some of her own pet features has just been completed for her by a prominent firm of English builders. Like the king, she has shown her preference for the British-built article, says the Kansas City Star.

An attempt has been made to make the new car a picnic vehicle. It is designed for the youngsters and a folding table is a feature. This can be put in position in a few moments for the serving of tea and light refreshments.

In designing the car her royal highness stipulated that the two diminutive seats intended for the children should be placed as far as possible from the door, so as to obviate the possibility of injury in case of accident. In addition to the two seats for children there is room for three people in the compartment.

The car is of medium power, 28-horsepower. Its color is an unusual shade of green and her royal highness' hand is in evidence there also. She is said to have hit upon the peculiar shade in a unique manner. While strolling in the grounds of York College, Sandringham, the princess was struck by an unusual mingling of greens on a fir tree. A bunch of the leaves was obtained to match it. The princess is said to be delighted with the result.

The young prince and princess are overjoyed with the idea of having a big car which can be said to be theirs alone. An unusually large window in the back of the car enables them to look out at the rear, a further delight, especially in fast traveling.

Sate.

Mrs. Smith—Yes, my little five-year-old girl is a great help in my house-keeping. Mrs. Randall—Why, what can such a child do to help?

Mrs. Smith—She goes down and tells the cook for me whenever we're going to have company.—Harper's Bazar.

Careful Mr. Smith.

Dr. Pill (meeting former patient)—Ah, good morning, Mr. Smith! How are you feeling this morning?

Mr. Smith—Doctor, does it cost anything if I tell you?—Philadelphia Inquirer.

When a young woman tells a clerk in a shoe store that she is not prepared to try on shoes, it means she has a hole in her stocking.

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Under the heading "Let Us Weep With Pity and Bow with Shame," the Appeal to Reason displays, across two columns of a recent number, this extract from a press report of the Monongah mine explosion:

"They took a small boy, eleven years old from Mine No. 6 today. He bore on his grimed little face a look of peace and happiness that doubtless never marked it in life. There are other little trapped boys, they say, in the hideous catacomb back under the hills, boys that never have known the delight of tops and marbles, and whose best comrades are the slow and patient mules that haul the black cars down the drifts. The little boy taken out was a weakling, a mere child, who in life did not possess enough strength to lift a bushel of coal. But his small hands were gnarled and his shoes were those of a man laborer, rough and tough and hobnailed."

The heading seemed hysterical and a bit ridiculous at first glance. But no honest man with a spark of that heavenly compassion in his heart which Charles Dickens invoked for "Little Joe" can read this bit of news without admitting that the heading is excused.

Christian men and women should weep with pity and bow with shame. For this puny little eleven year-old miner, with gnarled hands and hob-nailed shoes; this child robbed of his childhood; taken from the sunlight and the fields and streams and forests while yet a baby and plunged into this coal mine there to suffer and die; this little miner was their slave. In their service he lived and died, and all he has to show for what our Christian civilization has given him in return for what he gave, is his stunted soul and starved body and his grimy little face upturned to the sky.

Dickens' "Little Joe," the English waif whose forlorn condition so touched the great heart of the novelist, was a prince, a pampered and favored child of fortune, compared with this dead little American miner of a half-century later. A half-century of progress, and this is what we have to show for it!

Is it strange socialism grows?; socialism, which hurls its challenge in the face of the system that has given us this sorry product? Is it strange that, despite its fundamental fallacies, it appeals to the fathers and mothers of the poor when it can launch, with justice the terrific indictment against a "capitalistic civilization" that "the march of its conquest is stained with the blood of infants and paved with the puny bones of children?"

People were poor enough, God knows, in the dark ages of medieval ignorance and in the still earlier days of paganism; but never, till modern industrialism joined hands with Christian civilization, did they have to send their children to work—and, working, murdered—as children are sent and murdered today. Ancient greed held its hand in pity or shame, and spared the child.

The greed of today knows neither pity nor shame and in children it

finds succulent morsels.

It is apparent that stupendous changes have overtaken American life in all its phases. On every hand we see fortunes suddenly acquired by new devices, in no way related to patient industry or legitimate enterprise, and so immense that the word millionaire, as defining one inordinately rich, has lost its meaning. Individual business independence is rapidly disappearing before the march of trade combinations. Public and private extravagance flaunts its shameful waste in the face of poverty and defies the discontent of want. Today we find millionaires on every hand, and they are hardly noticed. In this age when it is a mad rush for riches, a man to be notable on account of his wealth must be a multi-millionaire.

Money-madness is the key note of depravity and sin, all over the United States today. Men and women alike have become drunken with the lust for gold. Their senses are dulled to good, charity, and often the common decencies of life. In the sweat-shops of our cities are seen the gaunt, worn-out tottering wrecks, driven by the lash of hunger to their daily task as never were the slaves in the cotton fields of the South. There are scores of women who spend from \$25,000 to \$100,000 a year each for dress, and immense churches are erected at fabulous cost in which to preach Christian charity, while the shadows of their gilded spires fall upon an army of seventy thousand children, in New York City alone, who march to school without breakfast. We have in these United States a number of railroad presidents who are receiving salaries around fifty thousand dollars a year, and upward, to run the same railroads that employ the poor widow woman with several little mouths to feed, to scrub out the cars at a dollar a day. Every necessity of life, the food we eat, the clothes we wear, grow higher all the time, while the heads of our big corporations and industries indulge in every extravagance and are constantly growing wealthier, with little thought paid to the poor employee and no desire to better his condition. For years it has been taught that money is the one victory in life. Men are exalted for the possession of money until a nobility of gold has been raised up.

It is certain that our robber monopolies, railroad, mining and all others, can be coped with and conquered by law, and he is a fool who thinks that the American people are going to be much further degraded into a race of drudges, toiling to pay dividends to monopolies. There is law, too much law—a remedy for every evil. The need is for officials who will do their duty—their courageous duty under the law. If we are to remain a great people, if we are to remain a free people, we must have conditions of progress and hope surrounding all the people as a unit. Poverty in itself is not a curse; it is the reverse of a curse, if it be hopeful, aspiring poverty.

What we most need is a revival of the simplicity of the fathers, a moral awakening, a return to old ideas, a return to the good old days when the desires of the people were simple and unperverted, when labor was the common lot, when economy was honorable and extravagance a reproach, when scrupulous honesty and fair dealings were indispensable credentials to high business and social standing; and when critical and dutiful participation in public affairs was a badge of good citizenship.

An anti-race suicide club is the thing that New York needs most, according to Mrs. Clarence Burns who is the head of the Little Mothers Aid Society. She proposes as a practical means of encouraging larger families an organization that would undertake to find suitable husbands for unmarried women—apparently she holds that there is no trouble now on the part of the bachelors in finding suitable wives and would offer prizes for the best examples of anti-race suicide, and that would establish a fund, or else

secure an appropriation from the public treasury, for the aid of mothers too poor to properly care for their children. Mrs. Burns also suggests committees to inquire into the morals of those about to be married, a measure that seems more likely to discourage than to encourage matrimony. What seems to be a fatal defect of the plan is that she offers no suggestion as to a means by which the ordinary New York flat can be stretched to a size to accommodate even a moderate number of children.—Ex.

It cost over nine dollars to have a Jersey bull shipped from Petersburg to Wrangell, last week. Now, a Jersey bull is a very small affair, and such a price is beyond all reason. And in this connection, let us suggest that these excessive rates are doing more to retard the population and development of the territory than any other thing. If rates were placed at a reasonable figure many more people would

settle in this country, whereas they now come from the east with the intention of coming here, but when they get to the Sound and run up against these "Seattle Spirit freight rates," they come no further. The average homeseeker is loath to pay the price of a steamship for getting his household effects hauled a few hundred miles. If these transportation lines would reduce their rates until they get this country well filled with settlers and then apply the Seattle Spirit, they would have them "on the hip."

In our editorial of last week on the subject of school equipment, it was not intended to cast any reflections upon the school board. On the contrary, if the school fund were adequate our school board could have no legitimate reason for failure to provide the necessary equipment. If we are to have a public school, let's have it properly equipped, even if the taxes have to go a trifle higher.

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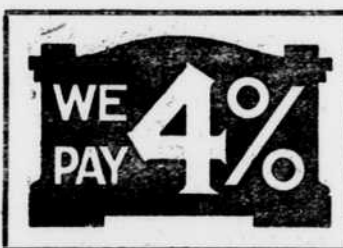
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